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Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 4-8, with the following paragraph:

This application is a §371 filing of PCT/US2004/026932, filed August 20, 2004, which claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119, to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/497,173 entitled "Polyydroxyalkanoate Nerve Regeneration Devices" filed on August 22, 2003, by Giorgia Terenghi, Pari-Naz Mohanna, and David Martin.

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